

13th January 2023

Upton Primary Newsletter

Upton-upon-Severn CofE Primary, Nursery and Riverboats SureStart Children's Centre, working together to support the local community



Our School Vision is to offer inspiration to young lives 'Anything is possible, we can all succeed'

Providing enriching experiences to foster aspiration 'To inspire ... To aspire'

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13)

WEEKLY BIBLE QUOTE

Isaiah 55:10 - For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater.

Respect

This week we have launched our half-term value which is 'Respect' and with our children we have been investigating what this value means to our school community. In our children's words Respect is:

- *When you care for others and be kind and helpful*
- *When you care and respect the environment*
- *When you value people who are different*

- *When you treat others how you want to be treated*
 - *When you use your manners at all times*
 - *When you respect your town or your city*
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In working with our children we also looked at respect in our community and in different countries. Some of our Ukrainian children worked together and said "Respect is when you see someone needs help you come and help someone".

They also wrote the translation of this in their own language. We have to revert to Google translate for support with this and the following are the two translations, which covers the languages some of our Ukrainian children speak:

Ukrainian - *Повага - це коли ви бачите, що комусь потрібна допомога, ви приходите і допомагаєте комусь*

Russain - *Уважение — это когда вы видите, что кому-то нужна помощь, вы приходите и помогаете кому-то*

RESPECT IN OUR COMMUNITY

As our half-term's theme is Respect we are also looking at how we work with our community to ensure that as a school we are respectful of our town and also our close neighbours within School Lane. We have asked you to be respectful of our neighbours with the parking situation and thank those who are responding positively to this. We would now like to add another request regarding how we care for our dogs in the community. As you are all aware we are now in a position where we have a dog that comes into school on a regular basis and who works with us as a therapy dog and there is an extensive risk assessment that covers Teddy in school. We do not allow any other dogs onto the school premises unless by prior permission.

As a dog owner I am extremely careful about ensuring at all times that anybody who walks Teddy has a bag with them to ensure that they clean up any toilet incidents he may do during his walk. There was an unfortunate incident yesterday whereby somebody had not cleared dog poo up from our bus bay area and unfortunately one of our children then trod in it. I appreciated that this may not necessary be a member of our school community and could easily have been a local dog, not attached to our school community. What I would ask is that if any of you see dog poo in the vicinity of our school we do have dog poo bags on the premises that you could have to help keep our school and the surrounding areas 'dog poo free'.

Just to remind everyone, within Worcestershire dog fouling is taken very seriously. There is a bin directly opposite the bus bay where dog poo can be bagged and disposed of and on the

*Worcestershire website it makes it clear that: "It is an offence for a **dog** owner not to clear up after their **dog** has fouled on any open public land."*

PARENTAL INPUT - MAKING OUR SCHOOL EVEN BETTER

On last week's Newsletter we included the following link as it is vital that we work with our parents to move our school forwards. The link leads to a very quick anonymous survey to give us some feedback which enables us to work strongly together as a team because 'Anything is possible, we can all succeed': <https://schoolforms.uk/T/FBohF4WOa8gk2nRZVI>

We appreciate the feedback we have received so far and will leave this form open until Friday 20th January if anyone else would like to complete this.

PUPIL TECHNOLOGY

May we please remind parents that children are to not have mobile devices or smart/video/gaming watches in school and should only be wearing analogue watches.



1 - We are really keen that for 2023 we can try and build up a bank of supportive volunteer adult helpers who will enable us to have an impact on our children's education. With our renewed focus on reading this year and the launch of our new phonics scheme, we would like to ask for parents, grandparents or members of the local community to support the school as a reading helper. If you can commit to regular reading with children or just occasionally we would love to hear from you. The more reading that our children can do with adults impacts their reading development for the future. It gives support and direction and valuable book sharing time which has a real impact on long term educational provision.

Please contact the school office if you are able to give any time to support individual readers in our school. Reading support will be done in consultation with the class teachers (adults will not be supporting in the year groups of their own children). We look forward to welcoming you into our reading team at Upton.

FOREST SCHOOL AND BELLBOATING PROGRAMME



2 - The forest school programme within our school is a vital part of our curriculum delivery. This is something that starts in the Pre School and is run as regularly as possible up to Year 2. Once children are into Key Stage 2 the sessions are run on termly/half-termly blocks as and when it is possible to fit in alongside the curriculum delivery for other subjects. Our outdoor

learning programme within KS2 is further supplemented by children from Year 4 to Year 6 becoming involved in bellboating. The bellboating programme runs for children in Years 4 to 6 primarily during the summer term and sometimes early autumn term. The benefits of all this outdoor learning are significant and we take these areas very seriously. In order to deliver both the forest school and bellboating sessions, the teacher involved has to have undergone specific training which is why only a small number of staff are involved in the delivery of these specialised sessions.

In order to deliver forest school sessions successfully we rely on a bank of adult helpers who are willing to support this outdoor activity. With this in mind can I ask if anybody going forwards would be able to support us with our forest school sessions and which days of the week they would be available. Please email the school office and we can set up a contact list of forest school helpers which will enable us to deliver a wider forest school curriculum for the rest of the academic year.

Upton Youth Band Music Club

3 - We are excited to inform you that Helen Lane is going to start up the school band again, from the end of January. Helen has run the Upton Youth Band for many many years and brings with her a wealth of instrumental playing, teaching and band experience. For just £3.00 a session, she will teach children from Years 4 to 6 how to play a brass instrument at the same time as playing in a band. This is a great and fun way to learn a brass instrument in a group setting - and much cheaper than individual music lessons! Please look out for her letter, which will be emailed at all children in years 4 to 6 early next week.



4 - Catering across the globe is facing a number of substantial challenges.

The supply chain, the energy crisis, inflation, the war in Ukraine and labour costs are continuing to play havoc with day to day operations, availability and pricing. We at Miquill Catering have always been, and remain, committed to delivering a wide range of delicious dishes to encourage balanced meal choices that are full of flavour. Our teams, both in school and in the office, continue to work extremely hard to keep any disruption to a minimum.

We are at the point however, with spiralling prices and increasing demand for food supplies and staff, where we need to make some changes to our meal pricing.

To meet the rising costs of providing a school meal, our meal price will be increased from £2.35 to £2.40 from 27th February 2023. This has no impact on those children entitled to a Free School Meal.

Our meals provide all the Government nutritional requirements and continue to be good value for money. We provide a freshly prepared two course daily menu with a choice of a hot meal, topped jacket potato or filled sandwich with vegetables, salad and a range of puddings and fruit.

If you have any questions or concerns about this or anything related to the catering service please contact us by email at: info@miquillcatering.co.uk

COMMUNITY NOTICES



peep
Starting Well Partnership
1800 10001 (0800 1 001)

PEEP Stay and Play
Mon 9th Jan 2023 - Mon 13th Feb 2023
10:00-11:00
0-4 years old
Drop-in sessions

PEEP LEARNING TOGETHER PROGRAMME
In these sessions we work with parents to promote babies and children development, building on their home environment and extending their learning and development through play.

Venue:
Upton Library
School Lane, Upton upon Severn, Worcester WR8 0LE
Contact: Tanya on 07977399512 for any queries

www.startingwellworcesters.nhs.uk EVERY CONTACT SHAPES A LIFE



Malvern Multi-sports Camp

Providing young people aged 4-14 of all abilities with an opportunity to have fun, develop sporting skills and meet with friends.

Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st February 2023

MSJ Sports & Fitness Centre, Malvern, WR14 3LH.

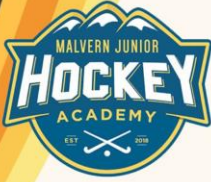
9.30am - 3.30pm each day

All children must bring a packed lunch and drinks each day

Only
£27.50 for 1 day
£47.50 for 2 days
& £23.75 for each subsequent day booked!

For more information, and to secure your place, please contact:
☎ 07879 779569 ✉ ben.robertshaw@live.co.uk





SUNDAY AFTERNOONS
1:30 - 2:30PM

Our academy provides boys & girls aged 5-16 with an opportunity to get active, develop their hockey skills and enjoy the game

Colts	Age 5-8
Juniors	Age 9-11
Youth	Age 12-16

£20 annual registration fee applies. Shin pads & a gum shield are essential, sticks can be borrowed.

We strive to:

- Develop skilful & creative hockey players 
- Improve decision-making & game understanding 
- Build self-esteem & teamwork skills 

MSJ Sports & Fitness Centre, 33 Barnards Green Rd, WR14 3LH
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£5.50
per
session

